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The facts thus stated by the petitioner are corroborated by the deposition of Augustus A. Nicholson, a captain in said marine corps.

Accompanying the papers there is a certified extract taken from Dr. Harris's (who was his physician) certificate, which was placed on the files of the Navy Department, which reads as follows, to wit: "I have carefully examined the disability of Captain Brevoort, and find that he has labored under an extensive disease of the bones of the face, followed by large exfoliations from the frontal bones. The present inconveniences arising from this disease are, a deformity of the face, pains during a change of weather, with a partial loss of the vision of the right eye. During the early part of this disease, in the year 1823, I performed a painful operation for his relief. Afterwards, while on duty in the Mediterranean, the disease assumed a more aggravated form, and required a more extended operation for the removal of the dead bones. The degree of disability may be rated at one half. I regret that I cannot recollect the causes which gave rise to this disease."

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